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Railroads and the People.

It is the belief of the management of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe system that much of the antipathy of the public to railroads is the product of a misunderstanding, which the road proposes to remove or reduce. Last fall it sent out the "Harmony Special" over its lines, manned by officers of the road, who stopped at as many points as possible, saw as many people as they could and told them as much as their limited time would allow about the railroad business. The knowledge of a very large majority of the people concerning railroads is limited to matters of freight and passenger rates, which are commonly supposed to be based on the ability of the public to pay. The railroads have not until recent years taken pains to inform the public that they have problems and troubles of their own.

The next Santa Fe course in the education of the people regarding railroading is what may be called a "comparison train," which will shortly be sent out from Topeka and will traverse all the main lines of the system. It will be designed to show the great advance made by the railroads within a generation.

The train will include the following:

A Mallet locomotive of the latest type, built for hauling heavy freight trains.

A locomotive of the type in use thirty years ago.

A steel passenger coach of the latest type.

A wood framed passenger coach used in the '80s.

A new style of freight car, such as is used for the shipment of automobiles.

An old-fashioned box car.

A flat car for exhibition purposes, showing old and new style switches, couplers, brakes, etc.

Exhibit showing section of dirt track with fifty-two pound rail alongside of a section of rock-ballasted track with ninety-pound rail.

China and Mexico.

The Chinese government is probably in a position to enforce any demand for indemnity it may choose to make upon Mexico for the loss of Chinese lives and property at Torreon.

We are accustomed to think of China as a harmless nation, unskilled in the art of war. But that is not the case. China is in possession of a navy which, though not ranking with those of the great powers, is fairly modern. And as far back as the Chino-Japanese war, the Chinese demonstrated that they knew something of modern sea fighting. Probably no other warships of equal number of the navy of any other nation could have made a better showing against the Japanese at that time.

The Mexican navy consists of a single antiquated gunboat manned by officers and men who know nothing about naval matters.

The coast cities of Mexico are without adequate defenses against the attack of a modern cruiser, which is now said to be on the way to enforce the demand for indemnity. As to the military capability of China, there is much conjecture. It is only known that the numerical strength is great and that for many years German officers have been engaged in training the Chinese to fight. It is also known that China possesses up-to-date military equipment. It is quite probable that if the demand of the Chinese should be resisted to the point of war, there would be bloody happenings in the republic which would make the late revolution seem tame.

Egyptian Cotton in the Southwest.

That the requirements of the cotton goods industry necessitate the importation of approximately 60,000,000 pounds of Egyptian cotton, costing \$16,000,000, is probably unknown to the majority of readers who read of the enormous crops of cotton produced in our southern states and learn that during the last seven months all rec-

ords have been broken and practically \$500,000,000 worth of that staple has been exported.

But it was the considerable value of this import that induced the United States department of agriculture several years ago to endeavor to develop Egyptian cotton culture in the United States in order to supply our own market with a home-grown product.

Although experiments were made at different points from South Carolina to Texas, as well as in Western Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California, it was only in the Colorado river region that climatic and other conditions similar to those in the Nile valley and suited to the long staple Egyptian cotton were found. There 600,000 acres of excellent land are, or soon will be, under ditch in the Imperial, Yuma, Salt and Gila valleys, and one-fifth of this acreage could produce the amount of Egyptian cotton annually imported for the use of New England mills.

For several years studies and experiments with the various Egyptian varieties have been undertaken in Southern Arizona, southeastern California and Egypt, and several bulletins have been issued giving detailed reports of the progress made and success achieved.

Just now the department has issued another pamphlet (Bulletin 216, Bureau of Plant Industry), reporting the results of a visit to the cotton growing districts of Egypt in June and July, 1910, of the biologist of the department, in which is shown that the mixture of Hindi cotton is proving to be a serious burden upon the Egyptian cotton industry. Hindi is the name applied in Egypt to an undesirable type of cotton, with a short, weak fibre that injures the high grade Egyptian varieties by infesting them with hybrids. The introduction of the Hindi cotton into the United States brings also the problem of the Hindi cotton and the practicability of establishing a commercial culture of the Egyptian cotton in the United States depends largely upon the elimination of Hindi contamination and other forms of diversity, so that the fiber may be produced in a satisfactory condition of uniformity.

Breeding experiments have shown that it is possible to secure a much higher degree of uniformity in Arizona than now exists in most of the cotton fields of Egypt. If reasonable care be used in maintaining the uniformity of these types, it does not seem that the American grown cotton is likely to suffer any commercial disadvantage on the ground of lack of uniformity, even though the Egyptian habit of hand sorting is not followed.

The exclusion of the Hindi cotton by an efficient system of selection will enable white varieties to be grown, producing longer and stronger fiber than the brown varieties are likely to afford, and will further the development and preservation of uniform strains of Egyptian cotton in the United States.

The Los Angeles Express calls upon President Taft to relieve the republican party of embarrassment by declining immediately to be a candidate in 1912. Perhaps the president has not yet been apprised of the wishes of the Express. At any rate, there has been no authoritative announcement from the White House to the effect that the name of Taft will not be presented to the 1912 convention.

The off-hand manner in which Messrs. De la Barra and Messrs. Madero, de la Barra and Reyes have disposed of Mexican affairs some months in advance of the elections indicates that our friends of the southern republic are not expecting a very exciting campaign.

SANTA FE ROUND HOUSE
BURNED AT SELIGMANS

The Loss Said to Exceed \$150,000.

San Bernardino, Cal., June 11.—Dispatches from Seligman, Ariz. today state that the Santa Fe roundhouse at that place was destroyed by fire. The loss was more than \$150,000. The fire started from oil in a pit beneath one of ten locomotives which were in the roundhouse at the time. All these engines were damaged and the road, in consequence, will be hampered by temporary lack of sufficient motive power during the present period of unusually heavy traffic.

AUTOMOBILE TURNED OVER.

A Prominent American Severely Hurt at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 11.—F. M. C. Choate, former American delegate to The Hague peace conference, and cousin of former Ambassador Joseph Choate, was seriously injured today when an automobile in which he was driving along the Monterey road turned over and rolled down a twenty-foot embankment.

Mrs. Clarence Rundel and Mrs. Clark Mahan, prominent club-women,

WEATHER REPORT.

Record of temperature, rainfall and state of weather as made by the U. S. Weather Bureau, at 6 a. m., mountain time yesterday.

Stations.	Temperature.	Rain.	Weather.
Ahlens	74	..	Clear
Atlantic City	70	..	Cloudy
Boise	66	..	Pt Clcy
Boston	64	..	Cloudy
Buffalo	70	..	Cloudy
Calgary	46	..	Pt Clcy
Corpus Christi	78	..	Clear
Chicago	74	..	Clear
Denver	54	..	Clear
Des Moines	68	..	Pt Clcy
Dodge City	62	..	Clear
Durango	46	..	Clear
Eastport	50	..	Clear
Flagstaff	62	..	Cloudy
Galveston	78	..	Clear
Havre	50	..	Clear
Jacksonville	76	..	Clear
Kansas City	66	..	Clear
Knoxville	78	..	Clear
Louisville	82	..	Clear
Memphis	82	..	Pt Clcy
Montgomery	76	..	Clear
Montreal	60	..	Cloudy
Moorhead	58	..	Cloudy
New Orleans	80	..	Cloudy
New York	68	..	Cloudy
Oklahoma	74	..	Pt Clcy
PHOENIX	84	..	Pt Clcy
Portland, Ore.	76	..	Cloudy
Raleigh	76	..	Clear
Roseburg	58	..	Cloudy
Roswell	64	..	Cloudy
St. Louis	74	..	Cloudy
Salt Lake	58	..	Clear
San Diego	58	..	Cloudy
San Francisco	48	..	Cloudy
Sheridan	56	..	Clear
Spokane	62	..	Pt Clcy
Tampa	76	..	Clear
Washington	78	..	Pt Clcy
Winnemucca	54	..	Clear
Yuma	68	..	Clear

riding in the car were also injured. All three were pinned beneath the machine. Choate and Mrs. Mahan managed to crawl from under it and lifted the debris off Mrs. Rundel who owned the car. Several of Choate's ribs were broken.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL.

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	5	5	6
St. Louis	6	11	4
Batteries—Humphreys, Moore and Dooin; Steele, Bresnahan and Bliss.			
	R	H	E
Chicago	20	14	1
Boston	2	6	3
Batteries—Cole, Ritchie, Graham and Weaver; Ferguson, Tyler, Metzger and Kadden.			
	R	H	E
At Cincinnati—			
New York	5	11	2
Cincinnati	0	6	1
Batteries—Wiltse and Myers; Promme, McQuillen and Clark.			
No American games scheduled.			

COAST GAMES.

	R	H	E
San Francisco	3	9	1
Sacramento	2	5	0
San Francisco	2	5	0
Batteries—Thompson and LaLonde; Melkie and Schmidt.			
	R	H	E
Afternoon game—			
Sacramento	7	13	3
San Francisco	4	8	1
Batteries—Baum and Thomas; Suter, Moskima and Schmidt.			
	R	H	E
Portland	3	5	1
Los Angeles	1	5	1
Batteries—Henderson and Murray; Delhi and Grudie.			
	R	H	E
Morning game—			
Oakland	5	9	1
Vernon	4	7	2
Batteries—Gregory and Pearce; Brackenridge, Raleigh and Brown.			
	R	H	E
Afternoon game—			
Vernon	13	17	1
Oakland	4	8	3
Batteries—Stewart and Hogan; Christian, Kilroy, Pernal, Wolderton and Mitze.			

AFTER THE SOCIALISTS.

Cananea, Mex., June 11.—Col. Juan Cabral, with 150 men, left for Nogales, on the way to Lower California to drive out the Magonist rebels from Mexicali and Tia Juana.

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REORGANIZATION OF
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In order to secure all creditors, and place the company on a firmer financial foundation than ever before, the interests of the Arizona Mining and Milling Company, located near Prescott and adjacent to Wickenburg, were turned over to Judge J. J. Hawkins of Prescott a few days ago. This legal movement was taken preparatory to resuming work on a larger scale than ever before.

There are a number of very wealthy stockholders residing in Illinois and other eastern states who will be identified with the company under the reorganization that has been effected, and the purpose is to start work as soon as incidental matters can be arranged. Twelve patented mines are

owned by the syndicate at Poland, carrying good values, and which are well developed. A mill is on the ground with other machinery. Near Wickenburg the company also owns a group of ten mines, carrying principal values in copper. The latter will not be operated for the present, the intention being to concentrate work on the interests at Poland and to operate on a permanent basis.

HELD OUT THE FEES.

Denver, Colo., June 11.—Charged with juggling incorporation papers, embezzling portions of fees from this source, and with failure to send certificates to such concerns, August Unfug, chief clerk to Secretary of State Pearce, was arrested today and is in jail pending an investigation of his books.

According to Pearce, Unfug confessed, stating that he tampered only with the papers of small companies. His bond of \$5,000 will more than cover the shortage in his accounts.

WEATHER TODAY.

Washington, D. C., June 11.—Forecast for Arizona: Fair in west, local showers in east. Monday and Tuesday fair. Warmer in south.

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